Episode #40: Battle on the Road to Mahogany

Characters:

- Ash Ketchum
- May
- Max
- Dawn
- Ty Masterum
- Raye Rose
- Jonah
- Lillie
- Sakura
- Sarah
- Avery Meadows
- Guzma
- Plumeria
- Team Skull grunts
  - Tupp
  - Zipp
  - Rapp
  - Yuho
- Harrison

Pokemon:

- Pikachu **(Ash's)**
- Blaziken **(May's)**
- Glaceon **(May's)**
- Manaphy **(May's)**
- Piplup **(Dawn's)**
- Quilava **(Dawn's)**
- Teddiursa **(Ty's)**
- Croconaw **(Ty's)**
- Gyarados **(Ty's)**
- Eevee **(Raye's)**
- Psyduck **(Raye's)**
- Plusle **(Raye's)**
- Rockruff **(Jonah's)**
- Squirtle **(Jonah's)**
- Minun **(Jonah's)**
- Vulpix **(Lillie's; Alolan form; Snowy)**
- Espeon **(Sakura's)**
- Litten **(Sarah's)**
- Girafarig **(Sarah's)**
- Pachirisu **(Avery's)**
- Wooper **(Avery's)**
- Golisopod **(Guzma's)**
- Scizor **(Guzma's)**
- Salazzle **(Plumeria's)**
- Salandit **(Tupp's; ×3)**
- Yungoos **(Zipp's; ×3)**
- Garbodor **(Zipp's)**
- Zubat **(Rapp's; ×3)**
- Victreebel **(Yuho's)**
- Raticate **(Team Skull Grunt's; Alolan form)**
- Rattata **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×3)**
- Drapion **(Team Skull Grunt's; ×3)**
- Crabominable **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Noivern **(Team Skull Grunt's)**
- Blaziken **(Harrison's)**
- Houndoom **(Harrison's)**

- Sneasel **(Harrison’s)**

Symposis:

Plot:

The next morning after Raye’s emotional yet motivating loss the previous day, Ash, Ty, and their friends wake up refreshed and determined to continue their journey heading straight to Mahogany Town as their next destination for Ty’s upcoming Gym battle ahead, the group suggested that they should take a route that leads them to their destination, Jonah asked Raye if she's feels better now after her loss against Reese yesterday, which made her better, attempting to focus her training later while Ty is focused by getting his next gym badge, looking forward to the Indigo Plateau League as he'll be the winner when he's full trained Teddiursa and his pokemons. Togepi was enjoying holding on to Max's arm while May asked his brother if he hadn't played his handheld console for a while, Max was focusing on Togepi instead, she smiled. At the forest, Guzma and his grunts watch the gang with binoculars, monitoring them. Plumeria suggested Guzma focus on the gang, especially on Manaphy, Yuho got his gear to capture the pokemon, Guzma encouraged him as he gives orders to sneak to them quietly without being spotted, they begin to follow them.

As they travel through the route, Raye reflects on her recent battle with Reese. Despite her loss, she describes it as a fun and valuable experience that helped her grow. Encouraged by Sarah, Raye feels more motivated than ever to improve alongside her Pokémon, everyone smiles for her support which Ty says the winning or losing can be tough but giving an opportunity of success. However, their journey is abruptly interrupted when they are confronted once again by Guzma and Team Skull from Ecruteak City back then who are blocking their path, much to the gang's not happy to see them again, Guzma wastes no time taunting the group, eager to prove his dominance once more, sending Golisopod and Scizor to battle while his grunts send there's as well to battle against Ash's team, causing Ash and his friends sending their pokemons out to stop the grunts who are focus to capture Manaphy. A male grunt orders his Crabominable to stop Teddiursa with Bubblebeam, but misses it after Teddiursa avoids the attack, proceeding to counter the grunt's pokemon with Fury Swipes while Zipp has Garbodor to strike with Sludge Bomb against Espeon, Pikachu, and Piplup, avoiding it, and striking them with Quick Attack, Psybeam and Ice Beam. As they are fighting in battle, Yuho orders his Victreebel to capture Manaphy with its vine, which successfully does, causing the attention of May. Suddenly Jonah intervenes by telling Squirtle to strike Victreebel with a Water Gun, saving Manaphy. But Squirtle ended up getting countered by Scizor's Bullet Punch, Plusle and Psyduck attempted to attack with Spark and Psybeam, missing their target as Golisopod strikes them both with Pin Missile, Lillie tells Snowy to use Powder Snow, which causes Golisopod evading to be countered. Pikachu and Blaziken clash against Yungoos and Zubat with Electro Ball and Mega Kick. In the midst of the fight, Tupp and Rapp execute a sneaky tactic, using a net launcher to capture Manaphy, but in the confusion, May, Max, Togepi, and Lillie are also caught in the net, leaving the group shocked and momentarily thrown off balance.

As Team Skull prepares to press their advantage against the gang, a sudden burst of flames cuts through the battlefield, stopping the fight. A powerful Blaziken appears, using Blaze Kick to swiftly take down Salazzle and Salandit, forcing the grunts back, with Manaphy and their friends taken hostage. The trainer behind Blaziken is revealed to be Harrison, making Ash stunned but quickly overjoyed, recognizing him from the Silver Conference who fought before, introducing to their friends, asking Harrison about finding them, which he tells that he saw the battle against the grunt while traveling from Mahogany Town, arriving in time to save them, Avery was joyed for his heroic efforts. Without wasting time, Ty asked Harrison to help to save their friends from Team Skull, Harrison agrees with them, as they follow their trails. At the plain field, Lillie demanded to release them, Plumeria silenced them, while telling Yuho that capturing Manaphy is the only option instead of kids, Guzma answered that taking them all is better instead, Max angrily tells the grunts that Ash will find them and defeat them once they're rescued, Guzma scoffs him off as he ordered his grunts to be leaving soon despite the kids attempting to struggle the net, Manaphy and Togepi were scared. Far from the forest, Ash's gang along with Harrison are still searching for their friends, Pikachu, Teddiursa and Pachirisu went on the search quietly until they found them, still holding May, Max, Lillie, Manaphy and Togepi as hostage.

Harrison suggested to Avery and Sarah to get in position, going for a plan to save their friends, both agreed while Ash, Ty and others dealt with the grunts, Avery and Sarah got in position. Guzma and his grunts are ready to leave with the hostages, Ash's team emerges, blocking their path and demanding to free their friends, Guzma taunts them by mocking, making them not concerned, the grunts battle once again, sending their pokemons out. The battle started, Squirtle uses Water Gun against Salazzle, but misses by sidestep, quickly strikes them with Dragon

Claw, but Quilava strikes Salazzle with Flame Wheel while Sakura tells Espeon to use Swift directly at Rapp's Zubat trio and the grunt's Noivern. Max was cheering for their friends' efforts, only to be silenced by Golisopod with a scared look. Yuho has his Victreebel to take out with Vine Whip, however, Harrison tells Sneasel to dodge and counters with Shadow Ball, then Blaziken uses Fire Punch, combining an attack. During the battle, Plumeria the grunts leave with the hostages, eventually, Pachirisu and Litten strike them with their attack under Avery and Sarah's call, knocking out both grunts, releasing Ash's friends and their pokemon from captivity, Guzma was shocked by that. With their plan foiled, Pikachu, Eevee and Espeon counters together against Golisopod with Quick Attack while Houndoom knocks Scizor with Headbutt, this causes Ty to tell Gyarados to attack them with Hydro Pump, sending the grunt flying to the woods far away.

With everyone safe, the group regathers and thanks Harrison for his timely help. He shares a useful tip, suggesting a shortcut route to Mahogany Town that will help them arrive faster for Ty’s Gym challenge. After a friendly farewell, Harrison departs, leaving the group inspired by his strength and reliability.

Major events:

Trivia: